

REMARKS

Examiner's comments in the Office Action dated December 10, 2007 have been read and carefully considered by Applicants. In view of such comments, Applicants have amended the Application as indicated and set forth hereinabove. In particular, the specification and the set of claims in the Application have been amended so as to more clearly set forth and better highlight Applicants' invention. In so amending the Application, however, Applicants maintain that no new matter has been impermissibly introduced into the Application as originally filed.

Furthermore, since no claims have been altogether canceled and no entirely new claims have been added herein by Applicants, claims 1-35 thus remain pending in the Application for Examiner's consideration. At the present time, it is Applicants' good faith belief that the claims, as herein amended, are both novel and non-obvious in view of all known prior art and that the claims properly comply with all applicable statutory requirements. Therefore, Applicants respectfully aver that the pending claims now place the Application in a condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification:

In the present Amendment, Applicants have amended original paragraphs 0005, 0011, 0014, 0015, and 0016 in the written specification of the Application. (See amended paragraphs of the specification as set forth hereinabove.) In general, these paragraphs in the specification have largely been amended so as to merely correct punctuation, grammar, and spelling errors and to also help improve overall textual clarity in the Application. Therefore, in making such amendments to the specification, Applicants maintain that no new matter has been impermissibly added to the Application as originally filed.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments to the specification be entered by Examiner.

Objection to Claims:

In the Office Action, Examiner objected to independent claim 29 for therein initially referring to a "vehicle having a front wheel" (i.e., only one front wheel) and therein subsequently indicating that the vehicle has "front wheels" (i.e., a plurality of front wheels).

In response, Applicants have herein amended claim 29 so that the "vehicle" expressly set forth therein is consistently said to include "front wheels" (i.e., a plurality of front wheels). In view of such, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner's objection to independent claim 29 be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a):

Also, in the Office Action, Examiner rejected claims 1-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being rendered obvious, and therefore unpatentable, by United States Patent Number 5,479,348, which was issued to Hiroki Sasaki on December 26, 1995 (hereinafter "Sasaki"), in view of United States Patent Number 6,694,225, which was issued to Masami Aga *et al.* on February 17, 2004 ("Aga").

In response, Applicants have herein amended claims 1-35 so as to better highlight the novel and non-obvious roll-stability control capability of Applicants' proposed invention(s) that Applicants respectfully maintain is patentable over and above the Sasaki and Aga references. (See amended claims as set forth hereinabove.) Subject matter support for so amending claims 1-35 can be found, for example, in specification paragraphs 0036, 0037, and 0059-0077 and also in Figures 2, 4, 5, and 7-9 of the Application as originally filed by Applicants. In view of amending claims 1-35 as such, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner's claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

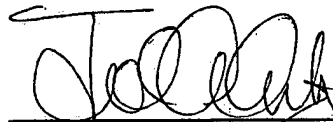
In view of the specification and the claims as amended hereinabove and also the foregoing remarks, Applicants now submit that the Application properly complies with all statutory requirements. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that Examiner's objections and rejections in the Office Action be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be issued for all claims 1-35.

Also, together with this Amendment, the appropriate extension fee is being submitted. Receipt and entry thereof by Examiner is respectfully requested by Applicants.

Lastly, should Examiner have any questions with respect to any matter now of record, Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at (248) 433-7200.

Respectfully submitted,

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